keeping in view factors like technical and calendar life, maintainability and replacement.

(d) All aircraft accidents are always investigated.

Recommendation of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence

1812. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence has recommended formulating a pre-audited five years defence budget in order to prevent delays in acquisition of weapons; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Launching of LCA

1813. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has launched LCA in the first week of May, 2003;

(b) whether the technology demonstration of LCA has also been done;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the target set by the Ministry to produce LCA on large scale in the next five years;

(e) whether the Ministry is thinking of exporting LCA to other countries of the world; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?